

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Diane Wolff, Wayne (Woody) Durst, Patty Lacasse, Marla Butts, Tina Lajoie (IWWA Clerk), Terry Bellman (Wetlands Agent). **Absent:** Carl Knittel

- I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:36 p.m.
 - II. Roll Call** – Diane Wolff, Wayne Woody Durst, Mark Parker, Patty Lacasse, Marla Butts
 - III. Appointment of Alternates** – None
 - IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 14, 2015**
MOTION BY D. WOLFF, SECONDED BY M. BUTTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - V. Old Business**
 - VI. New Business**
 - 1. 10-15-15 David Copeland, Meehan Rd (Map 5781, Block 49, Lot 8D) – Single family dwelling, garage, deck & septic system**

David Copeland is present representing the owners, Craig & Lois Tyler (Craig also present). Proposal is for the construction of a new home on this 3.22 acre parcel. Septic design was done previously, however this design is not being used. The new proposal does keep the wetland's disturbance in the upland review and is currently being reviewed by NDDH. Plan shows limits of clearing, being minimal, open field lay out as existing. It is back to front down gradient to the road and it shows wetlands delineation along the south edge. Wetlands were flagged in 1989 by Michael Schaeffer and the survey notes were done by PC Survey Associates at that time. According to Paul Terwilliger, LS., the property has not changed since that date. Property is located in the Putnam Watershed and Flood Zone C. Proof of certified mailing will be provided. As determined by the Commission, this disturbance will be only in the upland review area and therefore can be reviewed and approved by the Wetland's Agent. Mr. Copeland would like to commence construction with at least the foundation ASAP. **MOTION BY P. LACASSE TO FORWARD THIS APPLICATION TO THE WETLAND'S AGENT TO REVIEW AND APPROVE, PENDING NDDH APPROVAL, SECONDED BY M. BUTTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - 2. 10-15-14 John Wypychoski, 36 Beaver Dam – Retaining wall, garage, porch**

Paul Wypychoski is present on behalf of property owner (his sister) and his brother, John, who could not be in attendance. Property owner's written consent is in the file. As explained by Paul, they would like to install a retaining wall, 2-car garage and a porch, built in phases. First stage would be the retaining wall in December, maybe in the spring. Once that is completed, move onto the garage and porch. There are questions from M. Butts on the design of the retaining wall because it's going up against the water of the lake. It shows 6 inches which apparently represents the block system. Not shown on the plan are the weep holes. Concern is for the action behind the wall which could cause it to buckle. What is proposed for releasing the pressure from behind the wall? The design of the wall was not completed by Bruce Woodis or an engineer. Concern is a wall that abuts against the water and the fact that there could be forces behind the wall, the freezing and thawing action that could cause it to fail. It is recommended that the engineer review the design of the wall along the lake to see if any modification will be needed to the plan. Is it deep enough? Does it have enough drainage behind it? Is it going to remain stable with frost/freezing? **MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE THE APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION, SECONDED BY D. WOLFF. NO CONDITIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION BUT DETAILS, AS NOTED MUST BE PROVIDED FOR NEXT MEETING.**
- (There is a request by T. Lajoie to consider adding another item to the agenda under "New Business", a preliminary discussion. Mr. Brian Werling, President of Quasset Lake District, had contacted the wetland's office for guidance on a road issue that he has been discussed with John Navarro. Terry Bellman thought it would be best to have him come before wetlands to get some guidance.)
- MOTION TO ADD ITEM #3 TO AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS BY M. BUTTS, SECONDED BY P. LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Brian Werling, President of Quassett Lake District – Proposal for improving existing drainage issue

As explained by Mr. Werling, there is a catch basin on East Quassett that drains on district property, Shore Drive and comes down into a distribution box, goes under the road and into the lake. In doing so, it is undermining one of the properties that it goes across. Both property owners have been notified on either side to see if the pipe could be repaired that goes across the land owner's property, but no agreement has been made. The QLD is considering turning it 90 degrees going down Shore Drive and putting in another catch basin and going down on the other side of 28, which is the right of way that the QLD owns. If this ends up being the course of action, what would the IWWA need from the QLD to get the wetlands approval for this project? J. Navarro has taken a look and drawn up a sketch. Would IWWA require a full application? There are questions on ownership of road and at what point does the drainage system stop being the town's responsibility and starts becoming the lake associations'? It is recommended that Mr. Werling research the deeds and any drainage easements. Since adding two catch basins is what is proposed, should that change the pipe size? What would the contributing drainage be? The plan doesn't show the whole drainage system. If this system is undersized, then adding more catch basins might not be the proper remedy. A complete application would be required along with photographs of the problem. Aerial photography can be researched back to 1965. Application will also possibly require engineer review however if photographs show an exposed delta in the lake caused by long-term erosion, then this may change the requirements for the application. Also, photographs or video of the bubbling occurring during a rainstorm would be helpful.

VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report

1. List of sign-offs – 56 Beaver Dam – pier holes for a deck in upland review.

2. Complaint investigation results – Muddy Brook

Initial complaint came from CT DEEP who referred the complaint to the wetlands office stating they had no jurisdiction. Complaint was regarding a dam in Muddy Brook just west of the bridge at the end of Roseland Park. Property is owned by Wilbur Neuman. Aerial maps were provided by M. Butts and it documents the dam in existence at least since 1965. Chairman Parker did comment on the pictures depicting changes to the shoreline and questions whether or not the dam may have been extended. T. Bellman did take a photo of the site around June of 2015 on another issue. W. Durst used to swim there and recalls the dam being there in 1958. Complainant had stated there were Jersey Barriers being put in but this could not be confirmed by T. Bellman's site walk or any aerial photographs. It was determined from the review of the aerial photographs provided and results of T. Bellman's site visit that no evidence was available to support the allegations however a letter should be sent by the wetland's agent which advises the property owner that it was brought to the Commission's attention that there may have been work done, the fact that they are in a flood plain and if they want to do any work to a dam, in a watercourse or along the watercourse, then they should contact the wetland's office for any necessary permits.

3. Complaint – Rte 171 – possible filling of wetlands

T. Bellman received a complaint of possible filling of wetlands on the Sheldon property off of Rte 171 (Map 5783, Block 48, Lot 10). Mr. Sheldon was logging trees on this lot in the past. A neighbor had reported that he was filling a wetland area. T. Bellman cannot get to this area to verify. Bellman has not seen any evidence of this, any trucks going in or out or excavation. T. Bellman will give Mr. Sheldon a call just to follow-up and will research older aerial photography for history of any disturbance there.

VIII. Citizen's comments / other topics

1. CACIWC Fall Newsletter

2. Invoice from Norwich Bulletin for legal results ad - 09-14-15 (Less than \$100, no motion needed).

IX. Adjournment at 08:49 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY D. WOLFE, SECONDED BY M. BUTTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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